

MEETING MINUTES
BOCA GRANDE STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 12, 2015 - Regular Meeting
10:00 a.m. in the San Casa Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Patrick Bell, Neal Rietz, and Edward Siegel

Absent: Jennifer Campbell (excused)

County: Judith Nothdurft, Francine Lisby, and Karly Greene

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken that established a quorum was present.

The meeting minutes from the September 18, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved as written.

Citizen Input on Agenda Items Only (3 Minute Limit)

- None.

Election of Chair & Vice Chair:

- Mr. Bell nominated Mr. Rietz as Chair, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Rietz accepted the position. Mr. Rietz nominated Mr. Siegel as Vice Chair, there were no other nominations, and Mr. Siegel accepted the position.

Unfinished Business:

- USDA Iguana Control Agreement FY 2015/16 & FY 2016/17 – Mr. Butts, District Supervisor from USDA, Animal & Plant Health Inspection Services provided details of the FY projections, explained reasons for increases, and asked if the Committee preferred any modifications to the program. Mr. Rietz asked additional detail related to billing and noted his receipt of questions related to iguana control. Mr. Butts responded that billing is conducted per project, advised that Ms. Tharp is devoted solely to the Island at this time, indicated additional time is spent on the Island because trapping is the only method allowed there, stated increased patrolling and trapping can occur on the Island if so directed, and explained differences seen in the report provided. Mr. Bell motioned to accept the contract increases to \$75,154 for FY 2016 and \$77,997 for FY 2017, seconded by Mr. Siegel and passed unanimously. There was additional discussion related to patrolling, community outreach, verification of the number of iguana trapped, disposal of iguanas, and recordkeeping related to photos taken of captured iguanas. Mr. Butts questioned when the Agreement should be drafted and requested a follow up regarding the coyote contract. Ms. Nothdurft responded she would follow up with Lynette Auger.
- Gulf Shores Dr / Gasparilla Rd – Cross walk Request – Ms. Nothdurft noted conversation with Venkat Vattikuti, Transportation Engineer, related to study results being received later in the month.
- Gulf Shores Dr. / Gasparilla Rd – Center Line Request – Ms. Nothdurft will follow up as an update is not yet available.
- Boca Grande Club – Cross walk Extension Request – The results are also included in the study to be received later in the month.
- Mr. Bell questioned surveying work on the Island. There was discussion related to the bike path, new road, re-grading, and shoulder extension.
- Trash on County Owned Park Land – Ms. Nothdurft noted she was informed that there had been no improvement regarding the trash. Ms. Nichols noted complaints received regarding trash and debris at the South Pier. Mr. Siegel questioned if trash receptacles would be installed in the area. Ms. Nothdurft noted she was unaware, as the area belongs to the Parks and Recreation Department and affirmed she would input the initial request.

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New Business:

- Financial History / 12 Month Actual FY 2014/14 – The report was provided for Committee review.
- Activity Report (9/1/14 – 9/30/14) & (10/1/14 – 1/31/15) – The reports were provided for Committee review. Ms. Nothdurft questioned the status of the flail mowing. Ms. Nichols affirmed work was progressing.
- Draft FY 2016 & FY 2017 Budgets – Ms. Lisby stated the new Iguana Contract price was included in the Draft Budgets. Mr. Rietz questioned differences in the Iguana Control Contract and inquired if an assessment increase was needed. Ms. Lisby advised the FY 2017 Budget increased to \$78,000.00 to cover the Contract cost increase. Ms. Nothdurft noted an assessment rate increase was not needed and advised the Committee of the March 1, 2015 deadline for any additions or changes to the Budget.

Citizen Input on MSBU Related Items (3 Minute Limit)

- None.

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday October 1, 2015 at 10:00 am in the San Casa Conference Room.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Submitted by:

Karly Greene
Public Works Department